

No. 10:



Good morning Hattie  
This is my journal  
Roger Boy

Camp Louisa Blair  
Near Fredericksburg Va. Jan 28. 1863

My dear wife Hattie

How do you do to day

I am well and feeling first rate I am keeled up on Bys Bunk <sup>one of</sup> By Ruler ~~sir~~ my chind Making Crows Tracks to my Hattie it is a very disagreeable day a wet snow worse than Rain so if a fellow goes out attall he will get wet as though he was out in a Rain I have had to be out some but havnt got very wet yet I put on my Overcoat & Rubber Blanket so I keep dry the Boys that are on Guard have a rather hard time of it Sammey is on Guard to day he has to stand two hours and then has four off that is the way all have to stand Guard always I tell some of the Boys that they will want when they get Home to work two hours on and two off but I guess that there wont be much work did for a while there will be a good deal of visiting I think your Hub will do a little I will stand two hours and twenty four off what do you think Miss Hattie it is growing colder I think so perhaps the snow will stop I hope so alernall for it is so unpleas-ant getting about it keeps us in the mud and our wood is wet and in fact every thing else

We are expecting to be paid off to day a  
little we only get paid untill the 31<sup>st</sup> of Oct  
leave back almost three Montho Day nearly  
\$60 for me due I dont know why we don't  
get more now but it will come by and by  
I suppose I have figured on mine and I belie  
ve I will get \$33.66. if I do I guess I will  
Send you \$30. I have \$15. now so I can get  
along well enough when I get paid and  
I send the Money I will write you and let  
you know how much I send and who by  
I intend now to send by Peter Ingalls some  
are sending by Dr Foster but Peter can get  
the Money right up to you and I tell him he  
can take Train with you. he has just come in  
the Shanty & I tell him I will tell you to have  
the Table set all ready it pleased him as conceivable  
he says you can just get up a good  
meal and so do I Miss Hattie Peter comes  
in my Tent quite often he seems to enjoy  
himself first rate I have had some good visits  
with him since he has been here. he will start  
for Home he thinks about day after tomorrow  
but can't tell certain if the storm continues  
he won't probably go as soon I think I shall  
Send a Pair of Pants Home a pair of Drawers and  
perhaps my Slip out the one I drew in Jackson  
it has got so small I can't wear it it gresses

like every thing the coat has shrunk I guess  
I know I havnt Quelled at overate that is so  
you neednt smile now Hattie I dont. I got a  
Coat of Andrew this Mornin a nice one he could  
nt wear it it is so large it sets on me good I  
tell you and it is a much better piece of cloth  
than the one I drew at Jackson and you know  
that was good better than nine tenths of the  
Coats that were drawn I may trade my old one  
with Andrew it looks well yet but if I dont  
Trade I Shall give Andrew credit for the coat  
and charge myself with it but I shall try  
and trade I will give him \$2. to list if  
I cant with out you know he owes me the two  
Dollars I had lent him a dollar two differer  
times. and that will be a good trade the coat  
is worth \$6.75 such a coat would be worth \$10.  
at home I guess I shall send to Washington and  
get a new set of Buttons larger ones and better  
ones. I drew a Blouse the other day but  
I guess I will let one of the Boys in the comp  
have it and give myself credit and charge  
them with it By got him a coat the other  
day which was about as good as mine how  
of the other two Seargents can get them a good  
one a piece then my Squad will be fixd up  
well By Porter & Proutie Halbert are fine fellows

they are the married ones I tell you Hattie  
we will have some good visits up there and  
them and their wife ate our house we are  
going to include Alice Bush in the number of  
the company our other chum Ed Adams says he  
is going to be one of the number and we say yea  
to it now but when he is out we all say no  
father guess not he is to much like Hugh  
we dont like him at all he is lazy he hates to  
get his share of the work and water but we  
pissle him through once and a while the other  
Boys are in hand every time we have good  
times as three once and while we blae guard him  
a little he gets mad but that dont do him any  
good he is a long sort of fellow we call him  
Tango some of the time it makes him spunkly some  
Ohara havnt got here yet some say he has  
come but I guess not aternate I havnt seen any  
thing of him yet I wouldnt mind if he was  
here but still we have a plenty of Butter and  
dried fruit yet but I want some of my Hatties  
I believe you can beat the fruit ~~for~~ we have  
got here Andrew is doing well and so is Jimmy  
Hawkins Sammy more is well as common he fell a  
little under the weather this morning Jimmy Nelson  
is getting so he can walk around first rate the  
rest of the Boys are well I guess I will close for  
this time so good Bye give my best regards to all kinds  
and write to me and let me know of anything good bye  
Love and Kisses lots and lots to your Hub I know you  
my wife Hattie

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Jan. 28, 1863 Camp Louis Blair near Fredericksburg, Va.  
Cold, wet, snow, mud. Guard duty 2 hours on,  
4 hours off. Has \$60 pay coming sun & Sat. 3/1st  
Expends to say \$30 by Peter Dugalls. Mentions  
By Porter & French Halbert, Ed. Adams, L. C.  
Bush, Jimmy Hawkins, Samy Moore, Jimmy  
Hudson

